

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A solid dosage form of a pharmaceutically active substance selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutically active water soluble gaseous substances, ethyl alcohol, L-carnitine, pantothenic acid, pyruvate, and combinations thereof, comprising a magnesium oxychloride cement (~~also known as a Sorel cement~~) in which the pharmaceutically active substance is entrapped.

2. (Original) The solid dosage form of claim 1 in which the cement is in the form of a powder packed in a capsule.

3. (Original) The solid dosage form of claim 1 in which the cement is in a compressed tablet form.

4. (Original) The solid dosage form of claim 1 in which the magnesium oxychloride cement is made up by mixing a clear magnesium chloride solution containing the pharmaceutically active substance with magnesium oxide powder to form a paste which is then allowed to set over time into a solid composition which composition is then optionally crushed and milled to the desired fineness.

5. (Currently amended) The solid dosage form of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the entrapped pharmaceutically active substance is ~~or includes~~ nitrous oxide.

6. (Original) A method of producing a solid dosage form of a pharmaceutically active compound comprising the steps of forming a dear basic aqueous

solution of the compound, dissolving magnesium chloride hexahydrate into that solution and using the resultant solution to form magnesium oxide powder into a paste, allowing the paste to set into a solid composition and, if desired, grinding the set composition into a powder.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically active compound is selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutically active water soluble gaseous substances, ethyl alcohol, L carnitine, pantothenic acid, pyruvate, and combinations thereof.